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Mr. Donald W. Marken
San Francisco Junior Chamber
of Commerce
333 Pine Street
San Francisco 4, California


Dear Mr. Marken:

Upon returning to my office from a brief trip out of the country, your letter of 1 September inviting me to speak at the annual Bosses' Day luncheon to be given by the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce sometime during November or the first week in December was brought to my attention.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. In view of my official position, it is necessary to restrict my speaking engagements to the various service schools except for a rare occasion when I make an outside talk. Unfortunately I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

It was thoughtful of you to ask me to join you and I am sorry that my reply cannot be more favorable.

Sincerely,


Allen W. Dulles
Director

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<p>STAT May we have your recommendation as to what reply the DCI should make to this letter.</p> <p><i>I have no regrets - this does not merit DCI's appearance. He has not preached what Americans should do to remain free.</i></p>		
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Stan Grogan recommends that you decline this invitation. I have also attached a copy of the letter I wrote to Mr. Marken during your absence.

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333 PINE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA . . . EXBROOK 2-4511

September 1, 1961

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Allan W. Dulles
2430 E. Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

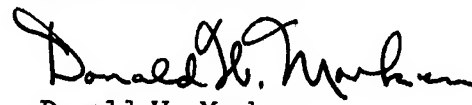
The San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce is pleased to invite you to speak at the annual Bosses' Day luncheon. This is our most important gathering of the year, and it is attended by 300 to 400 members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and their employers, representing the nucleus of the San Francisco business and professional society.

The date of this luncheon can be arranged for any week day during the month of November or the first week of December to fit the convenience of the speaker. Speaking for the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce and for the business community as a whole, I venture to say that we have many questions as to what problems face business and businessmen in the struggle with the Communist ideology and what we can do to help the cause of freedom. We do not pretend to prescribe the topic of your talk, should we have the honor of your acceptance, but wish to make clear that our invitation is based on a sincere desire to clarify what we as individuals, and as a community, can do to preserve freedom for ourselves and insure for all peoples the right to think, speak, and choose for themselves.

We have a limited budget with which to arrange our meetings. For this reason, we wish to inquire, assuming it is otherwise possible for you to accept, if there is a possibility that this luncheon could be scheduled to coincide with any trips to the West Coast you may be making for other reasons; or whether the government agency with which you are associated would share expenses with us.

If you have any questions, please let me know. We sincerely thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Donald W. Marken

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